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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The President has asked me to respond to your letter of the twentieth, and to tell you how much he appreciates the opportunity to comment on H. Res. 207.

A considerable portion of the information requested by this Resolution was previously supplied to the Foreign Affairs Committee and to other committees of the Congress by the Executive Branch. To assemble the appropriate information from the relevant agencies and individuals, moreover, would require substantial time. An important additional fact that might be considered is the establishment by the House of a Select Committee on Intelligence which may choose to consider some of the matters raised by H. Res. 207.

The Committee may also wish to consider whether such a resolution is an appropriate instrument for exploring any United States activities that might have affected Chile or any other country, for considering the extent to which names of particular persons or companies ought to be disclosed, or for considering the degree to which advice exchanged within the Executive Branch should wisely be spread on the record.

The President hopes that H. Res. 207 will not be approved.

Sincerely,

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